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For: SURFACE DECONTAMINATION )  
OF FRANKFURTERS AND )  
OTHER PROCESSED MEAT )  
AND POULTRY PRODUCTS )  
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REQUEST FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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The initial period for response to the outstanding Official Action, mailed March 12, 2003 expired on June 12, 2003.

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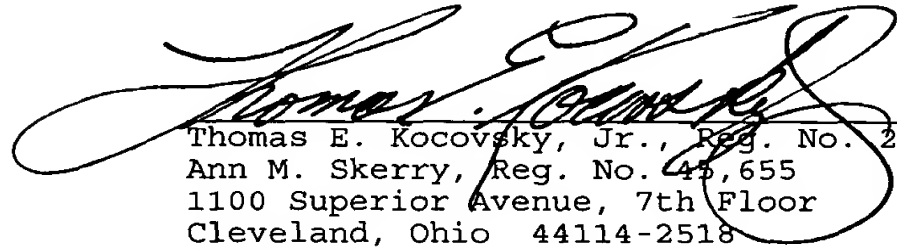
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